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MACHINE SHOP WINS GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARD FOR FEBRUARY



Machine shop employees receiving the Good Housekeeping Winner-of-the-Month Award for February. From left: Mac Ellington, Sam Ridge, Bill

Comer, Ed Blue, Al Reeves, Foreman Bob Paddock, Bobby Hubble, Gene Schuler, Frand Erdosy, and Tom Bond.

Good Housekeeping inspectors for the month of February had a difficult time in selecting the winner-of-the-month as enthusiasm mounted over the Good Housekeeping Contest initiated in January. The inspectors reported that all the departments "looked good" and that they nearly had to resort to a "white-glove" inspection to decide upon a winner.

After much deliberation, it was decided that the Machine Shop deserved first place for February with Record Finishing taking second place in a "photo-finish" type decision.

NORTH AMERICAN PHILIPS AND CONELCO MERGE

Shareholders of CONELCO (Consolidated Electronics Industries Corporation) agreed on February 13 to a merger with North American Philips. The merger became effective on February 14, bringing together CONELCO with sales of about \$346 million and North American Philips with estimated sales of \$154 million in 1968. Under the merger, U. S. Philips Trust, which previously owned approximately 35 percent of CONELCO common stock and all of the North American Philips stock, will hold approximately 66 percent of the newly formed company's outstanding shares.

The U. S. Philips Trust will retain patent rights to inventions by North American Philips, but the latter organization will have access to these rights through licenses.

RECENTLY ELECTED OFFICERS:

Pieter C. Vink elected president and chief executive officer, North American Philips Corp. (formerly Consolidated Electronics Industries Corp.), succeeding **Pieter Van Den Berg**, who has been elected chairman of the board of directors. Additional officers elected include **Matthew M. Dorenbosch** as executive vice-president and **Russell G. Pelton** as senior vice-president. **Wallace E. J. Collins**, secretary, and **Richard A. Daunoras**, controller, elected vice-presidents. Additional elected vice-presidents: **Thomas J. Moore**, **John T. Planje**, **Ralph W. Stultz**, **William M. Sharpless** elected assistant secretaries.

The following shows how each department ranked in comparison with all departments participating in the Good Housekeeping Contest:

1. Machine Shop
2. Record Finishing
3. Quality Control
4. Camera
5. Printing
6. A.S.M.
7. Compression
8. Maintenance
9. Shipping
10. Matrix
11. Albums
12. Repack
13. Receiving
14. Labels
15. Album Warehouse

Congratulations to all the Machine Shop crew. Which department will be at the helm next month?



CREDIT UNION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

By Chuck Turner

The annual meeting of the Credit Union was held in the Conference Room at 7 P.M. on January 28. The meeting was opened with a progress and growth report by Credit Union President, Chuck Turner, and committee reports were read by Gerald Sharp, Treasurer. Clarence France, Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, expressed his agreement with the manner in which the Board and Committees carried out credit union business for 1968.

An election was held and the following named individuals were either elected, or re-elected, to serve for the specified tenures of office:

Gerald Sharp, three-year term; Wm. (Jake) McClothin, three-year term; Penny Gabbard, two-year term (filling the unexpired term of Elizabeth Rosser); Richard Myers, two-year term (filling the unexpired term of Ila Clemons); and Sherrill Seibert, three-year term (credit committee).

An organization meeting was held by the Board after the close of the annual meeting and motion was made and carried that the re-elected officers resume their previous offices on the Board and that Wm. (Jake) McClothin be appointed Vice President, and that Richard Myers be appointed Asst. Treasurer.

Your officers of the Valley Employees Federal Credit Union for 1969 are as follows:

Board Members: C. F. Turner, President
Wm. McClothin, Vice Pres.
Penny Gabbard, Secretary
Gerald Sharp, Treasurer
Richard Myers, Asst. Treas.

Credit Committee: Don Dearth, Chairman
Sherrill Seibert, Secretary
Phil Pace, Member
Pete Trocano, Member
Beulah Ratliff, Member

Supervisory Committee:
Clarence France, Chairman
Gordon Arnold, Member

Following a brief summary of board members duties, the Board accepted the resignation of Walter Crowell and appointed Gordon Arnold to fill the vacancy on the Supervisory Committee. Clarence France was re-appointed to serve as Chairman of the Supervisory Committee. An additional member will be appointed at a later date.

It was announced that the Board at its December meeting had agreed on paying a 5% dividend. A question was raised regarding higher interest on monies loaned and the Treasurer assured members that there was no intention of raising interest rates at this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to express on behalf of all the Board members our appreciation to all who attended our annual meeting and to those members who have contributed so much to the growth of our Credit Union through their support.

We wish also to express a very special thanks to Jackie Craig, Ila Clemons, and Walter Crowell, who are retiring as officers of the Credit Union at this time after long and faithful service.

The following statistics evidence the growth of the credit union in 1968 as compared with 1967:

	1967	1968
Total Members		309
Potential Members		246
Loans Made	195	224
Average Loan	\$240	\$311
Payroll Deduction	\$120,144	\$149,828
Dividend Paid	\$414	\$877

Your Credit Union grows through your savings so let's all pitch in a little more to our accounts and watch 1969 grow to an even bigger year. We extend a special invitation to those of you who are not yet members. Come in and let us show you how easy it is to join the many other savers with our Company.

SPECIAL SALES PRESENTATION VIEWED BY MANAGEMENT

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Robert Downing
Doris Lorton
Sherrill Fellers, Jr.
Margie Roberts
Cinda Ellis
Pat Delk
Judy Bragg
Ruth Henn

An interesting and comprehensive presentation of Mercury's 1969 sales program was viewed here by managers and supervisors on February 11.

Thanks to Jim Ladwig, Director of Art and Advertising, who brought this special presentation to our plant, managerial personnel were provided with an overview of an exciting and well-planned sales promotion for all of Mercury's labels in 1969. Colorful sounds and slides were creatively woven together to provide the viewer with a spectacular array of Mercury's new releases, each appealing to a particular segment of public taste. The latest in classical, popular, country and western, rock, rhythm and blues,

and the exotic, ethereal, new experimentations in electronic sound under the Limelight label, were all artfully presented and accented with occasional slide "flashbacks" to our people and production activities involved in making and testing these new releases here in Richmond.

The success of Mercury's 1969 sales plan is already in evidence. On Billboard's top LP standings for the week ending February 22, we find the following releases moving up the chart:

4 Seasons, Edsione D'Oro (Philips)	-#44
Jerry Butler, The Ice Man Cometh (Mercury)	-#59
4 Seasons, The Genuine Imitations Life Gazette (Philips)	-#89
Spanky and Our Gang, Without Rhyme or Reason (Mercury)	-#110
Jerry Lee Lewis, She Still Comes Around (Smash)	-#149
Mother Earth, Living with the Animals (Mercury)	-#153

Introducing



Martha Dishman began work as Key-punch Operator in Data Processing on February 17. She graduated from MATA College of Automation in 1965. Martha and her husband, Ed, reside in Lewisville, Indiana.



Jim Cass replaced Bill Hengstler on February 10 as D.J. Clerk. In 1968 Jim completed one year at Lindsey Wilson College and he intends to continue his education by attending evening college at Earlham.

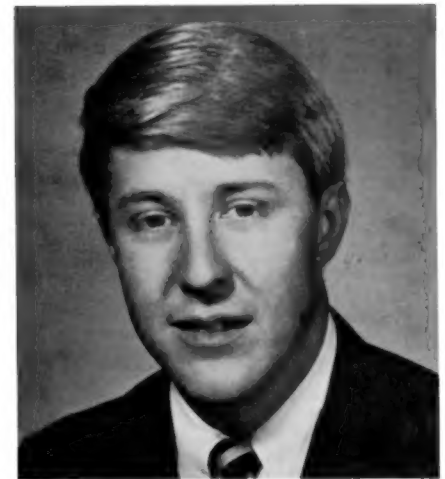


Hermione Wood began work as Secretary to the Controller on February 10. She completed approximately three years of undergraduate studies at Earlham prior to entering her secretarial career. Hermione - who is known to her friends as Hermi - and her husband, Galen, are residents of Richmond.

FOREMEN TOUR NEW PLANT CONSTRUCTION



Following a production meeting on Saturday, February 22, Gerald Sharp, Manufacturing Coordinator, acted as guide for his foremen as they toured the construction in progress at Mercury's new plant site. Foremen were interested in viewing the actual physical location of their respective departments in relation to other departments and facilities in the new building. From left are: Gerald Sharp, Manufacturing Coordinator; Elbert Pennington, ASM, 2nd shift; Everett Burns, Compression; Keith Burns, Matrix; Keith Gabbard, ASM; Claude Mullens, ASM, 3rd shift; Clarence Dunn, Compression; Clyde Smith, Albums, 2nd shift; Cleamon Day, Record Finishing; Ed Estridge, Matrix, 2nd shift; Pete Trocano, Labels/Album Whse; Ed Abrams, General Foreman; and John Hogan, Record Finishing, 2nd shift.



Paul Scherrer joined Mercury on February 10 as Custom Sales Manager. After receiving a M.S. degree from Indiana State University in 1964, Paul embarked upon a career with Junior Achievement and first served as Program Director for J. A. of Indianapolis. In 1966 he became Executive Director of J. A. Wayne County and left that position in 1968 to accept a post as Executive Director of J. A., Rochester, New York, where he served until beginning his new career with Mercury. Paul, his wife, Gay, and their two children reside in Richmond.

NEW PLANT CONSTRUCTION - OPERATION AIRLIFT

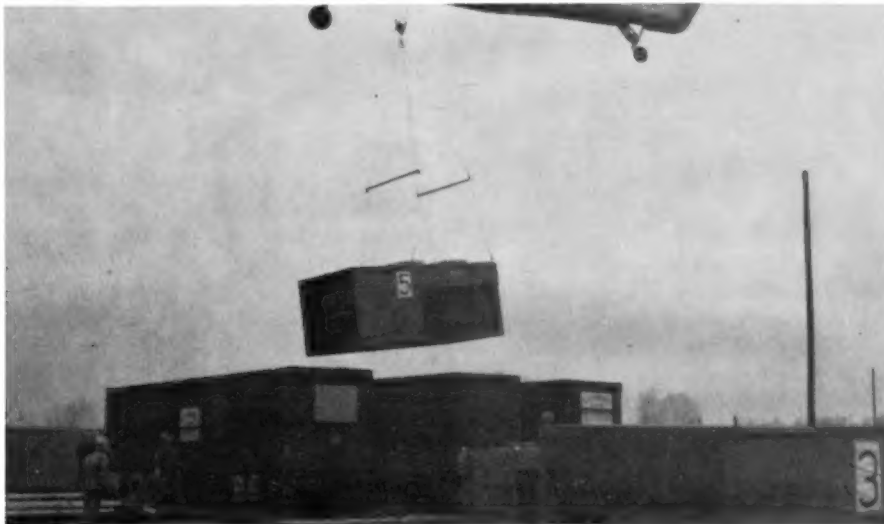
A unique modern method was utilized on Tuesday, February 25, to lift the heavy ventilators and air conditioning units into place on the roof of the new plant. The service of Carson Helicopter Inc., Perkasie, Pennsylvania, were employed to lift this equipment via helicopter. It took only four to five minutes to hook on to a piece of equipment, airlift it into place upon the roof, and have the helicopter hovering over the next unit to be transported; using a crane, it would have taken at least 15 minutes to perform the same operation. This swift operation is better shown in the following sequence of photos.



1. Helicopter lands at new plant site. Air conditioning units, shown in the background, are numbered for positioning on the roof.



2. Structural steel workers hook on to the four corners of a unit.



3. Helicopter pilot swiftly and gracefully lifts unit from ground to roof.



4. Equipment is transported to roof location where it will be installed.



RECORD STORE NEWS



5. Helicopter pilot gently lowers unit into the hands of structural steel workers on roof.



6. Structural steel crew easily guide air conditioning equipment into the exact position for installation.



7. Garson Helicopter employee at center of photo stands a short distance from the unit to give hand signals to the pilot. Here cables are unhooked and he is signaling the pilot that it is safe to ascend and return to the ground crew.



8. Helicopter pilot quickly returns to ground crew for next air conditioning unit to be airlifted.

Country & Western has taken the lead in sales in the record store the last few weeks and instrumentals are second. As I have mentioned before, individual tastes are different and it is difficult to know which records to stock; this is why we try to have a wide variety in the store. If we are failing you, please be patient. Plans for the record store in the new plant are favorable toward providing more room and for your listening pleasure. Please help us to help you. Suggestions will be welcomed and appreciated.

All special orders are to be picked up the week following your order. A list will be posted in the window each week so that you may see if your order is in. These special orders are held for one week only. They are then returned to stock. All record orders, whether special or stock, are made out on Monday morning and sent in that same day. If you have forgotten an order you wanted, you may leave it on my desk in Accounting. Someone will steer you to it if you have trouble finding it. And by the way PLEASE pick up your records after you have purchased them it creates a small accounting problem when they are left in the lobby. Value your purchase. Remember, each customer may purchase only one copy of each selection number.

Due to the small volume of business since the first of the year, the Record Store will be open only on the second and third Thursdays of the month. For March, that will be the 13th and 20th. The time will be the same: 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. and 2:30 - 3:30 P.M.

A complete and up-to date list of tapes (four and eight" track) is available in the Record Store for the asking. Pre-recorded tapes are very much in demand now. For this reason it may take us a little longer to fill your order.

I guess this about wraps it up for this month. Bring those suggestions in and remember, the Record Store can only help those who keep us advised of their preferences and who help us by following the necessary Record Store procedures.

Reporter Pat Delk

LATEST HAPPENINGS WITH MERCURY

MEMBERS OF PHILIPS RECORDS' GROUP THERAPY ATTACKED AND INJURED WHILE ON TOUR IN LONDON . . . Two members of Philips Records' recently signed group, Group Therapy, were seriously beaten outside a London nightclub Sunday, January 26, during an attack on the group by a gang of youths. The Los Angeles group was in Britain on a major promotional tour with Moby Grape. Both of Group Therapy's two vocalists, Ray Kennedy and Tommy Burns, were seriously injured in the attack. Kennedy suffered three broken ribs, while Burns was severely cut about the nose and eyes with a broken bottle. Minor injuries were suffered by the other three members of Group Therapy, drummer Mike Lamont, organist Jerry Guida, and guitarist Art Delgudico, as well as by Group Therapy manager Mike Gruber and Mercury Records' London director, Lou Reizner. Group Therapy has been in London since mid-January in preparation for a 16-day tour of Europe with Moby Grape. The hard-rock quintet, signed to Philips Records at the beginning of the year, is set for a major buildup by the Mercury Record Corporation label. The group's first single will be released within two weeks.



GROUP THERAPY

LEGENDARY STARDUST COWBOY HAS NEW RECORD . . . Mercury's Legendary Stardust Cowboy is following up his "Paralyzed" with a new number titled "I Took a Trip in a Gemini Spaceship".

MOTHER EARTH HAS SUCCESSFUL TOUR . . . Mercury's Mother Earth group played to packed audiences on their extensive road trip. They were also applauded in reviews including a full-page bravo by Annie Fisher in her column for the "Village Voice" publication.

SPECIAL VIDEO TAPE ON THE FOUR SEASONS . . . The Four Seasons' "Genuine Imitation Life Gazette" is also receiving good reviews. A special videotape featuring three numbers from the new LP is being distributed to teen-oriented TV shows throughout the U.S.

JERRY LEE LEWIS TO MAKE TV APPEARANCES . . . Jerry Lee Lewis, who made the successful transition from rock and roll star to country music performer, will appear on the Tom Jones Show over ABC-TV on March 28 and will later be featured on the Monkees' Special over NBC-TV on March 31. His first country LP for Smash, "Another Place, Another Time", was the subject of a major review in a recent issue of the "Rolling Stone" publication.



SINGER ROD STEWART SIGNS WITH MERCURY . . . Irving B. Green, President of Mercury Record Corp., recently announced that Rod Stewart, lead singer of the British Jeff Beck Group, has been signed to an exclusive recording contract with Mercury Records. The 24-year old singer, whose vocals are featured on the best selling chart LP, "Truth", will record for Mercury as a single artist while continuing as vocalist for the Beck Group. President Green stated that Mercury's London representative, Lou Reizner, who will serve as producer for Rod Stewart's upcoming Mercury releases, advised that he is assembling a back-up group for him that will include a number of Britain's top rock musicians. The London-born Stewart is managed by Jonathon Rowlands, who helped launch the careers of Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck. Already established as a notable singer, Rod Stewart has appeared at every major jazz and blues festival in Britain and on the Continent.



50-FOOT HOSE

50-FOOT HOSE GROUP LATEST ADDITION TO LIMELIGHT'S NEW SOUNDS . . . In a business where the unusual is commonplace, the 50-Foot Hose are notable because of the truly bizarre kind of music they produce as a group. The group is Limelight's latest addition to its growing catalogue of "new Concept" music. The group represents one of the more successful mergers in music today: the merger between "progressive" underground rock and electronic music. The result is the unique and intriguing sound of The 50-Foot Hose. The group, based in the San Francisco area, has six members: Cork Marcheski, Nancy and David Blossom, Larry Evans, Kim Kimsey, and their most recent addition, Robert Goldbeck. Instrumentally, the group breaks down as follows: Vocals are handled by Nancy Blossom and Larry Evans; Cork Marcheski handles electronic gear exclusively, while David Blossom is guitarist (who also provides certain electrical effects); Robert Goldbeck plays electric 8-string bass; and Kim Kimsey is drummer for the group. Nancy also delves into certain percussion instruments and Goldbeck also plays occasional guitar in the group's performances. The first LP of The 50-Foot Hose, a unique listening experience entitled "Cauldron", will be one of the important musical developments of the current year and reveal The 50-Foot Hose as one of the major contributors to the excitement of today's revolutionary new music.

SAFETY STATISTICS REVIEW

Are we any more safety conscious this year over last year? Are we making a greater effort to observe safety practices? The following figures apparently attest to the fact that we are.

Department	No. of Injuries January, 1968	No. of Injuries January, 1969
Albums	1	0
ASM	4	0
Camera	1	0
Compression	3	0
Data Processing	1	0
Disc Jockey	1	1
H.E.P.	0	1
Labels	1	0
Maintenance	1	1
Machine Shop	0	1
Total	13	4

The drop from 13 injuries in January, 1968, to four injuries in January 1969, is approximately a 69% improvement for the first month of the year. We are off to a good start in 1969, but to continue this excellent progress we must be cautious not to relax our efforts to observe sound safety practices at all times. A special reminder: Be particularly alert to the possibility of accidents when engaged in material handling tasks. Most injuries have occurred during the moving or handling of material.

TRAFFIC AND SHIPPING

Berta Walter's son completed his military service after a tour of duty at Okinawa and was married December 7. Congratulations to the newlyweds. (Incidentally, he will attend Police School in June.)

Marv Jenkins is the proud father of a baby girl, Angela Sue, born December 24. Congratulations to the proud parents.

Reporter Dorothy Kachinsky

RECEIVING

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Downing are the proud parents of a new addition to their family, Robert Scott, born January 29, 1969. Both mother and son are doing well.

Receiving Department employees are pleased with the new 24 volt batteries recently installed in the power jacks. These new batteries enable the department to get a full shift operation out of the jacks without downtime. Under the former 6-volt battery system, work was frequently halted to re-charge batteries in the power jacks.

Reporter Robert Downing

CAMERA AND PRINTING



Bill Hakes, Camera Department Supervisor, is shown in the above photo with a mounting of 10-point deer he downed on a recent hunting trip. The one on the left, with horns showing more prominently, is the deer. (Ass't. Ed.)

Chuck Redman's wife (Chuck works in Camera) is confined to the hospital after having surgery on February 11. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Lawson on their wedding anniversary February 10.

Reporter Lucille Fister

RECORD FINISHING

Shirlee King wishes to thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness. She is doing real well and plans to return to work soon.

Liz Willoughby's daughter, Margie, underwent surgery February 5. She is home now and feels well.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mattie Wilson who lost her father, Otie Wilson, February 4.

Lola Kirkland is finding it hard to whistle these days. She lost her front tooth while eating hard candy.

Reporter Margie Roberts

REPACK

The last few weeks no one in Repack has counted calories, as several people had cake to celebrate a birthday.

Birthdays: Ruth Henn, January 24; Maggie Earlywine, January 25; Roger Block, February 14; Ralph Mahaffey, February 16; Barbara White, February 26.

On February 11 Barbara Chandler marked up 10 years with Mercury.

Reporter Ruth Henn

PRODUCTION CONTROL

After the floor plan of our new plant appeared in our last issue of The Turntable, I have found the enthusiasm of moving to new and modern facilities is growing throughout the office. The convenience of not having to walk across the street and down a flight of stairs to the press floor will seem a luxury. That enormous paved parking lot will just be too much! Of course, the excitement of moving has not completely taken over; there are still a few melancholy words said about 300 South First Street.

Along with the new plant well under way, we have a new employee here in the office I would like to introduce. Paul Scherrer assumed his duties as Custom Sales Manager on February 10. Paul has been with Junior Achievement for the past five years doing work in Indianapolis, Richmond, and Rochester, New York, most recently. Along with his J. A. activities here in Richmond, he taught business courses at the Eastern Indiana Center of Earlham College for two years. Paul, his wife, Gay, and their two children, Stephanie and Paul, are residing here in Richmond. Welcome back to Richmond and to Mercury Records, Mr. Scherrer!

Barbara Franklin has left us again--this time for the Florida sunshine. We all certainly miss her and envy her getting that "second summer," we hear so much about, but rarely experience.

Marilyn Martin is proud to announce the arrival of three beautiful "grand-puppies" recently. Congratulations to you, Marilyn, and your poodle, Gidgette!

Reporter Ardis Reed

FOR SALE: Black & White 26" Magnavox console TV in excellent condition. Contact Lee Fourman in Camera Department.

DATA PROCESSING

Pat Orschell was married to Bob Clayton on January 4 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Connersville.

John Brown and his wife, Judy have become proud parents of a bouncing baby boy.

We want to express our deepest sympathy to Lucinda House in the death of her mother.

Reporter Judy Bragg

COMPRESSION/ QUALITY CONTROL

Our deepest sympathy to Mattie Wilson on the death of her father.

Birthdays: Marie Winget, February 1; Delores Shipley, February 2; Lola Preston, February 2; Wilma Harrison, February 5; Anna Perry, February 23; Julia McFarland, February 28.

Anniversaries: Delores Shipley, 20 Years; Janet Bostick, 12 years.

Reporter Mary Bullock

MANUFACTURING/ ENGINEERING

They say "no news is good news" but not when you are trying to write a newspaper article.

Everyone is busy with preparations for the move to the new plant. The manufacturing foremen visited the new facilities Saturday, February 22. This gave them an idea of how close we are to moving and the work involved. Also, they will be able to see the "before" and "after" when the plant is finished.

Charlie Risselman left us for a week to go to Cleveland for some tests. We are glad to have him back with us, and hope to see him off his crutches soon. Would you believe he celebrated his 11th anniversary with the company on February 10? You must like it here, Charlie.

Reporter Betty Bailey

Help the Junior Achievement and buy a record caddie or a note holder. These items can be seen in the Engineering Department or by contacting Joe Weaver in the Engineering Dept. on 247

WANTED: Home for female beagle rabbit dog, 3 years old. Contact Larry Holt in Engineering.

FOR SALE: Male Toy French Poodles. Will be ready in 3 weeks. Contact Marilyn Martin in Production Control.

FOR SALE: A 1968 Blk. & White Console T.V. Walnut finish in very good condition. For additional information contact Barbara Conder in Production Control.

ACCOUNTING

Since February is traditionally the month of Cupid, patriotic birthdays (George & Abe), the shortest month of the year, the beginning of our annual "Hoosier Hysteria", and "will we have six more weeks of winter?", everyone can find a reason for feeling this "is a very good month" - besides, spring is just around the corner.

Hermoine Wood joined Mercury on February 10 as secretary to Mr. France and Mr. Montgomery. She has been married for seven months and her husband is enrolled at Earlham College. Welcome aboard!

We were in luck this month as Roger Steele's 11 year old daughter, Debbie, demonstrated her cooking ability by baking us a bountiful supply of chocolate chip cookies. They were delicious. Thanks a million, Debbie.

Have you noticed the bottoms poppin' off Fred Warner's shirt. He and Mrs. Warner became the proud parents of a son, John Christopher, on February 10. Congratulations!

Maxine Price's son, Jeff, who has been residing in California, stopped off for a few days to visit before leaving for an extended stay in Tripoli, Africa. He is looking forward to his new venture. His family will join him later. Needless to say, Maxine is happy about Jeff's opportunity - but Tripoli is sooo far away. How about planning your vacation in that direction, Maxine? A wonderful opportunity to become a world traveler.

Have you noticed John Wayne and Shirley Temple in our department lately? Actually it's our latest Mercury star, Sharon Craig, doing her impersonations.

Did you know we have an "artist" in our midst? Jim Reynolds has been sketching - he is very good. Make your appointment early as you can be certain he has a waiting line.

Reporter Doris Lorton

DISC JOCKEY

Our sympathy goes to Naomi Tanner on the loss of her stepfather.

We welcome Jim Cass to our department.

Patsy Willhelm spent her vacation at home - she got a new washer and dryer instead of a trip.

Reporter Carolyn Patterson

COMPRESSION / QUALITY CONTROL

If anybody would like to purchase Girl Scout cookies, Mary Holmes will be delighted to help you. As cookie chairman over the Indio Neighborhood of Richmond, she coordinates the activity of 11 schools. Please support the Girl Scouts and purchase some cookies - the sale starts February 28 and ends March 15.

Jean Berry has won acclaim from the Testers as a good cook. She often brings in her fresh, homemade bread with lots of butter. It is enjoyed by all who are lucky enough to get some.

JOKE: Women are the best housekeepers - everytime they get a divorce, they keep the house.

Reporter Mary Holmes

MACHINE SHOP

Bob Paddock (Machine Shop Foreman) has joined the ranks of grandpas in our Department. Granddaughter, Shannon Rae Griffin, was born February 7, 1969.

Karen Elaine Reeves, granddaughter of Al Reeves, was born January 8, 1969.

Birthday: Bill Comer, February 14.

Reporter Al Reeves

MATRIX

Everyone in Matrix is really working to put everything in tip-top shape. The Department is looking better every day. We also put in new slurry tanks on the B and D lines. They help us in treating the solution better.

Third shift Matrix and Maintenance are having a race to see who will have all their men quit smoking. Matrix is winning so far. Maintenance has just one more to quit. To continue to keep from smoking will be the big problem.

Raymond Christopher is hoping that the rains will not be too heavy this spring. After the last rains, Ray had to stay in Richmond because all the roads were flooded to his home.

Bill Estridge is still looking for a good Beagle dog. Contact Bill in Matrix, 2nd shift, if you can help him out.

Reporter Junior Fellers